



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**  
SEPTEMBER 2009

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most precious resource and hope for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease and the second leading cause of death in children nationwide; and


**WHEREAS**, on any given school day, approximately 46 young people – the equivalent of two classrooms – are diagnosed with cancer, with more than 12,500 children diagnosed every year; and

**WHEREAS**, one in every 330 people nationwide will develop cancer before his or her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, and each year, more than 2,500 children under the age of 20 will lose their lives to cancer; and

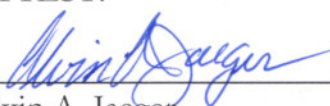
**WHEREAS**, in North Dakota, an average of 39 children are diagnosed with cancer each year, with approximately five children dying from the disease annually; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the devastating effects of cancer on children and their families, and to do what they can to raise awareness about the disease and to support efforts to find a cure.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2009, **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
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